

People in the News

Mesa Fire Department employee named safety educator of the year

Have an item for "People in the News"? We invite readers to submit news of awards, honors, anniversaries, weddings, etc., of Mesa residents and their families. If you have a people in the news item to announce, e-mail to emesanews@newszap.com; mail to Mesa Independent, 850 S. Ironwood Drive, Suite No. 112, Apache Junction, AZ 85220; fax to 480-671-0016; or call 480-982-7799. Items selected will be published in the order in which they are received and publication in a specific edition of the paper is not guaranteed.

Mesa Fire Department's **Carrie Castillo** was honored as Arizona Fire and Burn Educators Association's Fire and Safety Educator for 2007 at the Arizona State Fire School held Sept. 4 at the Mesa Convention Center.

Ms. Castillo is a certified car seat technician and has assisted the fire department in checking over 1,100 seats in 2007. She serves as the program manager for five programs within the Fire and Life Safety Education Section of the Mesa Fire Department. As the school program coordinator she developed the injury prevention curriculum, coordinates the program, and implements the lessons in 62 elementary schools in Mesa Public Schools. She also coordinates and teaches babysitting classes, which are mainly taught in Mesa's junior high schools.

In addition, she serves as the coordinator for the Fireset Program, in which youth are educated on the consequences of fire-setting. In addition to those programs, she is responsible for the Senior Safety Program and the Home Safety Inspection Program. She works closely with Mesa's senior centers and the age 55-plus communities to offer them a senior safety class and the opportunity to schedule a free home-

safety inspection.

Ms. Castillo holds a bachelor's degree of Interdisciplinary Studies from Arizona State University. She serves as a board member on the city of Mesa Community Spirit Board. She also serves as the Mesa Fire Department's representative on the city of Mesa Building Stronger Neighborhoods Committee and the Arizona Youth Firesetter Intervention Taskforce.



Carrie Castillo

Submitted photo
Richard Cameron

Mesa artist **Richard E. Cameron** is the featured artist for September at the Superstition Mountain Museum, 4087 N. Apache Trail.

Mr. Cameron was born and raised in southern California where he obtained a BA in Art and Education from Cal State Long Beach. He has worked in a variety of mediums including the design of custom jewelry.

He was a volunteer for the Bolsa Chica Reserve in Sunset Beach, Calif., providing specimens of fish and aquatic life for visitors to appreciate.

Since moving to Arizona in 2004 he has included the state's landscapes in many of his paintings. His love for the outdoors and nature is captured in his ocean paintings as well.

Timothy Dunst, president and CEO of Touchstone Behavior-

al Health, with a clinic in Mesa at 1845 S. Dobson Road, was honored with the Arizona Behavioral Health Leadership in Services Award for 2008.

According to a press release, Mr. Dunst was recognized by the Center for Applied Behavioral Health Policy at Arizona State University with this award on July 17 in Sedona. The organization recognizes individuals who have made a difference in the development of policies and programs within Arizona.

Mr. Dunst has been in the behavioral health field for 44 years and the head of Touchstone Behavioral Health since 1983. He received both his Bachelor of Science in Sociology and Masters in Social Work degrees from Arizona State University.

He has been active in the adolescent behavioral health community throughout his career, serving on numerous governor-appointed committees and task forces.

Symphony of the Southwest announced the election of two new board members, **Judah Nativio** and **Kevin Lee**; and **Virginia Ikeda**, who has been acting board president since earlier this year, was unanimously elected as president of the Symphony of the Southwest board of directors.

According to a press release, Mr. Nativio will chair the Major Fundraising Campaign Committee, including the November 2008 third annual Citrus 100 Golf Marathon. Mr. Nativio has served on Mesa United Way's Community Investment Allocation Committee and on the city of Mesa Human Relations Advisory Board. He volunteers with the Grand Canyon Chapter of the American Red Cross. He moved to Mesa in 2005 and earned a Masters degree at the University of Phoenix,



Timothy Dunst

where he is employed as financial services manager. His wife, **Amy**, teaches mathematics at Mesa Public Schools, and the couple is expecting their first child at the end of the year.

Mr. Lee composes film music and has worked on a variety of projects for film and television and arrangements and orchestration for individuals. As the symphony's vice president of special projects, Mr. Lee is developing recording opportunities with Hollywood producers for the Symphony of the Southwest. He is married with two young children.

Ms. Ikeda has an extensive background in percussion performance and played as a contract player with the Phoenix Symphony. She brings a long history of promotions, public relations and

marketing to the Symphony of the Southwest board and organization. Her family's history is deeply rooted in Mesa, having lived her for 100 years.

Ruth Abbott of Mesa, joined more than 35,000 Mary Kay independent sales consultants from

throughout the U.S. and around the world at the company's annual seminar held in Dallas, Texas July 12-Aug. 2.

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